

NEW MARKET NEWS

December 2006

Santa arrives in New Market! Come join in the fun and festivities December 1, 2, 3. There is something for everyone -- young and old. For more information see page 4.



Message from the Mayor

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our town clean up day. It was our best one yet. Working together, we made quick work of it. We also had a lot of fun. If you didn't join us this year, please do so next year. It's been a while since our last newsletter. But, we've been busily at work. Undoubtedly, most of you are aware of the proposed annexations for the Smith-Cline and Casey-Blentlinger properties. Those of you who have been reading this newsletter over the past five years know that this is something we've been working on for that entire period. (Newsletters available at town website). We have had no less than nine articles during that time related to traffic, the bypass, streetscape, waterlines as well as how our three subdivisions (Royal Oaks, Brinkley Manor and The Orchard) all are interrelated. Furthermore, the bypass was incorporated into our Master Plan in the spring of 2005 as the figure on the following page depicts.

So why is annexation so important? To answer this question, please put on your Town Council hat on and think strategically for a moment. To prevent getting 16,000 vehicles per day (vpd) on Main St. we need what in the old days we universally called the Crickenberger Rd.

bypass. This road would extend from Deer Crossing to Rt. 75 at roughly Old New London Rd. This road has been on the County's plan for years but never funded. Why? Because the County does build roads, the developers fund them. Look at the County's capital budget. We live in a long established growth area. All the roads for all the new developments around us are developer funded. Your taxes do not pay to build these roads.

To make this bypass happen, we needed the Blentlinger property to be County planned for residential. The bypass goes through this property. The reason for this is attributable to the fact that no one can afford to buy 300 acres, donate two school sites, \$35 million for school construction and build a bypass without the residential use of this property.

The newly elected Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) did not support the Blentlinger designation. They have stated that they will revisit the plan. The message here is pretty clear. No residential for Blentlinger property, no bypass for the town, 16,000 vpd. Further, if the BOCC reverses the New Market Plan, how many lawsuits do you think will be filed against them for devaluing property?

Message from the Mayor -- Continued**Proposed Bypass**

You should know that I have repeatedly asked to have a Town Council/BOCC open work session to discuss our needs as it relates to the bypass and planning issues. Commissioner Thompson stated he had no interest in meeting with the Town. Likewise, I offered to walk through town with Mr. Jamieson. He is the nice grey haired lawyer from Chevy Chase who has been knocking on your doors opposed the annexations. I thought this would be appropriate in order to present both sides of the issue. His reply to me was "you do your thing Mr. Mayor and I'll do mine". These are the same people who in public say let's all sit down after Dec. 31st and have a pow-wow. By then, a new state law will take effect that will for all practical purposes reverse the Blentlinger plan designation. So, now after never wanting to meet with us, they suddenly want to make promises to act in good faith now that this long planned and contemplated annexation is upon us. If you are on the Town Council, what do you believe?

Lastly, it is wishful thinking to believe that growth will not happen. What one BOCC does to reverse the New Market Plan can be undone by the next. The pendulum always swings both ways. Many of you have stated you don't want to live in a small city. Given we live in a long established growth area, we will eventually with or without annexation. The question is what will we get out of it? Bypass? Waterline money? Fire Dept. money? Ball fields? What have we gotten from all the other developments around us that did not annex into the Town? NOTHING! Are you still wearing your Town Council hat? What future do you pass on to the towns' people? One that we have control over? Or do we freeze our boundaries forever and lay prostrate to the County? What is your decision?

You can read more about the annexations on the Town website at www.townofnewmarket.org. Please call or email if you have any questions.

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Planning & Zoning Minutes**August**

- Professional Center applied for sign. Passed (no flashing sign).
- Janet Dion: application for a fence was approved.
- New Market Fire Department — request demo existing structure. Tabled until more information is submitted.
- Tim Roenneburg resigned from P&Z (moving).
- Approved Zoning Ordinance #06-04—Amusement Park Zoning

September

- Sent letter to J. Higgs re: variance for building restriction line.
- 500 Plummer St.: Deck approved with stipulation that applicant receives approval from HOA.
- Town of New Market Storage Shed approved/
- P&Z welcomed Adventure Park USA into the Town of New Market.
- Fine Arts Application was denied. Referred to BOA.

October

- Jim Higgs was notified he will need to go to BOA for his request for rezoning.
- Brinkley Manor Plat 9 Approval Letter continued to November.
- Oak Hill Properties Lot 10 -- application for deck denied as beyond the 40 ft building restriction line.
- Seawright Homes -- Washington Gas & Easement Plat -- no action taken.

Application approved for: 51 W. Main Street -- Redwood play set and 414 William Plummer Street -- Fence & Patio.

HDC/ARC Minutes**September****Permit applications:**

- Town of New Market: storage shed—grey siding with white trim: Approval granted.
- 5 West Main, Fine Arts Center: Application rejected as not applicable.
- 500 Plummer Street: Application for deck approved as submitted.
- Seawright Homes: Application for sales model sign was approved as submitted

**Interested in serving on the HDC/ARC committee?**

If you are looking for a way to be involved in your community and would like to serve

on the HDC/ARC committee, please contact Karen Durbin at 301-865-5544 or karentownofnewmarket@gmail.com. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

Town Council Minutes

July - November

July

- John Carrier elected to serve on Town council.
- Rita Mueller appointed as Vice President of the Town Council.
- Seawright putting in soccer/baseball field near route 75.
- Re-introduction of Adventure Park Annexation, Resolution 06-02.
- Ordinance #06-05, Zoning Classification of 76 W Main Street passed unanimously.
- Streetscape: letters read from residents & questions sent to SHA.
- Bids received for audit services. Three year bid awarded to Draper & McGinley (lowest bidder).
- Councilmember's jobs and responsibilities were clarified (list is on the website).

August

- Certificate of Appreciation awarded to Tim Renneburg for his service on P&Z.
- Bid awarded to Frederick Landscaping for Royal Oak entrance flowers.
- Purchased shed for Town Hall storage.
- Following Resolutions passed: #06-04, Heart of the Civil War Area; #06-03 Amusement Tax;
- Following Ordinance passed: #06-07—Cemetery Amendment; #06-06 Fine Arts Amendment
- Michael D'Ovidio appointed to the Planning & Zoning Committee; term ending June 2010.

September

- Proposal accepted from Frederick Landscaping for work to be performed at intersection of South Alley & Federal Street.
- Road closures set for New Market Days Festival.
- Mr. Finch's nomination to the Board of Appeals was unanimously accepted with his term ending February 2009.

October

- Public Hearing held on Zoning Text Ordinance #06-04 and Resolution 06-02 Adventure Park Annexation
- Zoning Text Ordinance passed unanimously.
- Adventure Park Annexation will be re-advertised and another public hearing held in November.
- Mr. Bob Clark of Key Sanitation spoke about rising fuel costs and asked for an increase of 94 cents a month per resident. The council will review the budget and notify Mr. Clark if this is possible. Mr. Clark also addressed the Bulk Trash options.
- Certificate of Appreciation awarded to Shane Rossman for New Market Days 2006; Rita Mueller for New Market Days 2003, 2004, & 2005; Gary Sitek for service on HDC/ARC.
- Resolution 06-05 Casey-Blentlinger & 06-06 Smith-Cline were introduced. Public work sessions will be held in November.

November

- Audit for FY 06 is completed and will be posted on website.
- Still waiting on information from SHA on streetscape.
- David Dunshee appointed to the Planning & Zoning committee. His commission will end October 2010.
- Adventure Park Resolution #06-02 — Public hearing held followed by the vote. Resolution passed unanimously.
- Final ratification of the Civil War Heritage Resolution 06-07.
- Snow/Ice Removal Bids were opened and contract for 3 years awarded to Frederick Landscaping.
- Key Sanitation and Neighborhood Watch Program were postponed to December.



Town Council meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 39 West Main Street

Christmas in New Market December 1, 2, and 3



Christmas in New Market will begin at 6:00 pm on Friday, December 1 with the Tree-Lighting Ceremony at Messanelle Park followed by a Town Reception and The Versatiles in concert at 7:00 pm at Simpson Community Church.

Saturday's events will begin at noon with a sidewalk parade featuring Mrs. Claus, elves, snowmen, and other characters and entertainers. The parade will end at Town Hall with the arrival of Santa Claus about 12:30. The New Market Fire Hall will be the place to find craft vendors and food throughout the weekend. Shops will be open extended hours during the festival for those looking for fine gifts and treasures for the gift giving season. At 3:00 pm the Mid Maryland Performing Arts Center will present a song & dance benefit performance at the Grange Hall. A \$5 donation is asked. Hot soup and refreshments will be available for purchase before and after the show. New Market's streets will be lined with luminaries in a picturesque display of holiday hospitality. Music will fill the air with a performance by the Frederick Catoctones Barbershop Chorus at 6:30 pm at Grace Episcopal Church.

On both Saturday and Sunday the New Market Garden Club will hold their annual Greens Sale featuring fresh wreaths and table arrangements at the Philanthropic Lodge. Mrs. Claus will read stories at Town Hall and children can participate in a Christmas Tree Treasure Hunt. Santa will also be available at Town Hall on Saturday and Sunday from 1-5. At 2:00 pm on Sunday, there will be a

Voice and Piano Recital by the Mid-Maryland Performing Arts Center at the United Methodist Church.

The Town will present awards for the best decorations and local art classes will be participating in a Snowman Drawing Contest to win U.S. savings bonds and the chance to have their artwork appear on next year's brochure. This year's artwork will be on display for the public at Town Hall December 2nd & 3rd.

For more information call 301-865-6108.

House Decorating Contest

All of the homes & businesses in downtown New Market are invited to decorate their buildings/homes by the morning of December 2. Judging will take place both in the afternoon and after dark. Three prizes will be awarded based on the following criteria: "The Most Traditional/Historical" "The Most Unusual/Unique" and "The Most Effective Use of Lighting". The prizes have been donated by Spoil Me Rotten, 12 West Main, Barefoot Boutique, The Little Pottery Shop and The Garden Club of New Market.

Snowman Decorating Contest -- K-8th Grade



Draw your coolest Snowman on an 8 1/2" x 11" piece of paper.

Be creative with markers, crayons, even mixed media! Sculptures also welcome.

Entries must have your name and grade on the front.

Please put your address and phone number on the back.

Deadline: November 30th to be considered for prizes

Snowmen will be on display throughout the Christmas in New Market celebration this year, December 2nd & 3rd, at Town Hall. Awards will be given out during the festival.

Drop off your drawings at The Little Pottery Shop 80 West Main Street or mail to PO Box 693, New Market, MD 21774. Questions?? Call: 301-865-6108

And speaking of snow.....

Winter weather and snow will soon be here. Please remember that Main Street is designated a "Snow Emergency Route". During a snow event please move your vehicle off Main Street to allow the plows to clear all the way to the curbs. The town has made arrangements with the Grange Hall (located on South Alley) to park in their lot until Main Street has been plowed. Please clear off your sidewalks in front of your property within 6 hours from the end of the snowfall or other precipitation, or if the snowfall or other precipitation occurred overnight, by 2:00 pm the following afternoon. If ice is not readily removable, sufficient calcium chloride or similar commercially available product should be applied to effectively melt and remove the accumulation of ice.

47th Annual New Market Days



A few of our residents in their colonial garb walking in the New Market Days Parade.

A big thank you to all of you who helped to make this year's New Market Days a success. The weekend started off with a parade down Main Street. All weekend the streets were filled with re-anactors, musicians, jugglers, and families enjoying the sights and sounds of New Market Days. There were over 50 artisans displaying their work up and down Main Street as well as down by the Grange Hall.



Juggler Mark Lohr and his young "assistant" perform during New Market Days.

Christmas Tree Pick-Up

THE TOWN WILL BE OFFERING A TREE PICK UP ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: PUT TREES OUT ON THE CURB SUNDAY NIGHT FOR VERY EARLY MORNING PICK UP:

MONDAY JANUARY 6 &

MONDAY JANUARY 13.

SNOW DATE JANUARY 20.



PLEASE NO PLASTIC BAGS AND REMOVE TINSEL AND ANY DECORATIONS

Good Neighbor Program

Last year the Mayor and Town Council introduced the "Good Neighbor Program". This program is designed to help New Market residents who because of age, medical conditions, or other reasons are unable to clear their front walk of snow or ice. The program will match up individual who need assistance and residents who want to help and serve their community. Volunteers will help out their neighbors by cleaning the front walk of those who are unable to. All those who are interested in signing up for assistance or to help please submit via mail, email, or phone the following information: Name, Address, Phone, Email

Notes from the Town Office

- Office Hours are 8:00 am to 2:30 pm Monday - Friday
- We are trying to update our mailing list and would like to add your email address to our files. Please send emails to: townofnewmarket@gmail.com to be added to the email list for important notices, newsletters, etc. Sending this information via email allows us to keep our costs down and for you to receive the info in a timely fashion. Also please notify us if you are receiving duplicate mailings.
- The final yard waste pick-up was November 25. Collection will resume in the spring. Regular trash pick-up is on TUESDAY. Your trash should be on the curbside by 6:00 am.
- Please remember to get your permit applications into the office at least 10 days prior to the P&Z meeting.
- If you have something that you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact Deb Butler 301-865-5544 or email me at debtownofnewmarket@gmail.com
- Our website is updated regularly, please check it out for meeting agenda and minutes, newsletters, pictures from town events and other important information



Town Clean Up Day

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who came out bright and early on November 18 to spruce up Main Street.. We were able to fill 72 leaf bags and a dump truck in just over 2 hrs of work. That is great team work!



A special thank you to David Price and Shane Rossman for the use of the pictures in this month's newsletter.

Dates to Remember

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| Nov 28
@7:30 pm | Special P&Z Meeting
at Town Hall |
| Nov 29
@7:00 pm | Public Hearing on
Annexations at the
Grange Hall |
| Dec. 1, 2, 3 | Christmas in New Mar-
ket. |
| Dec. 5
@7:30 pm | P&Z Meeting
at Town Hall |
| Dec 12
@7:30 pm | HDC/ARC Meeting
at Town Hall |
| Dec 13
@7:00 pm | Town Council Meeting
at Town Hall |
| Jan 6&13 | Christmas Tree Pick-Up |

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